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SUBJ: NORDIC FORNMINS AND GUINEA-BISSAU

SUMMARY: ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS HERE SWEDISH FORNMIN
ANDERSSON STATED AFTER FIRST DAY OF NORDIC FORNMIN
MEETING THAT NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON RECOGNITION
GUINEA-BISSAU AND THAT QUESTION CANNOT BE DECIDED
UNTIL FALL. INSTEAD NORDICS WILL URGE PORTUGUESE
GOVERNMENT TO START NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER FIRST DAY OF TWO-DAY NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING AT COPENHAGEN, SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON
DECLARED, ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS HERE, THAT
QUESTION OF A NORDIC RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU CANNOT
BE DECIDED UNTIL SOME TIME IN THE FALL.

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2. ACCORDING DAGENS NYHETER, ANDERSSON SAID: "TODAY

THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY TO REACH NORDIC UNITY ON A DIRECT RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU. EVEN IF SWEDISH GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDS SUCH A SOLUTION, A UNILATERAL SWEDISH RECOGNITION WOULD NOT PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF THE COLONIAL COUNTRIES. ON THE CONTRARY, A DIVIDED NORDIC STAND ON THE ISSUE OF RECOGNITION WOULD MUCH STRENGTHEN PORTUGAL'S POSITION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.... INSTEAD, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY TO URGE THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO STOP THE FIGHTING IN THE COLONIAL COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND START NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE NORDIC COUNTRIES URGE THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO STOP THE FIGHTING IN ANGOLA, MOZANBIQUE, AND GUINEA-BISSAU AND IMMEDIATELY START NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. I HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL WILL REALIZE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO BREAK THE PRESENT ISOLATION OF THE COUNTRY. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE STARTED BEFORE THE FALL, WHEN GUINEA-BISSAU APPLIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. HOW AND WHEN THIS DEMAND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IS NOT YET DECIDED...."

3. ANDERSSON ADDED: "IT IS A MISUNDERSTANDING BY SWEDISH OPINION THAT A UNILATERAL SWEDISH RECOGNITION IS A PRIMARY GOAL OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. NATURALLY, THE PAIGC WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU, BUT WHEN IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A JOINT NORDIC ACTION CANNOT BE EXPECTED, THEN THE CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS IS REGARDED AS THE BETTER ALTERNATIVE. IF PORTUGAL DOES NOT ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORDIC REPRESENTATION, THE ISSUE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CURRENT AGAIN THIS FALL, WHEN GUINEA-BISSAU APPLIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. HOW THE NORDIC COUNTRIES THEN WILL ACT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING."

4. SWEDEN'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SVERKER ASTROM, ALSO ATTENDING THE COPENHAGEN MEETING, TOLD DAGENS NYHETER THAT QUESTION IS HOW THE BIG POWERS WILL REACT TO THE APPLICATION. "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BRITAIN AND

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FRANCE WILL ABSTAIN FROM VOTING AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE ON THE MORAL AND POLITICAL BURDEN IT OUWLD MEAN TO VOTE IN THE NEGATIVE."

5. WRITER OF ARTICLE ALSO ASSERTED THAT NORWAY AND PRIMARILY DENMARK HAVE OPPOSED A JOINT NORDIC CALL FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION, BUT DID NOT GIVE A SOURCE FOR THIS INFO.

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